

that time, there have been more than 50,000 new coronavirus deaths, bringing the total to more than 140,000 Americans and more than 2.5 million more cases. Yet the Senate has done nothing.

This important legislation provides much-needed relief to States and cities experiencing lost revenue, to support our heroes on the front lines.

It ensures our first responders and essential workers are entitled to hazard pay and guarantees up to \$200 billion for those who have risked their lives working during the pandemic.

It expands testing, tracing, and treatment to all Americans.

It puts money back in the pockets of struggling Americans with a second round of stimulus payments up to \$6,000 per household.

It preserves health coverage by protecting the more than 5.4 million Americans who have lost their employer-provided health insurance.

It extends the weekly \$600 Federal unemployment benefit through January, providing a vital safety net for a record number of Americans who are unemployed. Right now, that expires in just 9 days.

It helps worried families afford a safe place to live, assisting renters and homeowners with rent, mortgage, and utility payments and other housing-related costs.

I urge the Senate to pass this bill immediately.

IN SUPPORT OF THE GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT

(Mr. GIANFORTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Great American Outdoors Act.

My friend, Senator DAINES, deserves a lot of credit. He has successfully advanced this historic legislation, historic because of its long-term dedication to our public lands.

People from around the world come to tour our outstanding National Parks, including millions of visitors every year to Yellowstone and Glacier. Unfortunately, too many of our parks have fallen into disrepair. This bill begins to rebuild and repair our parks.

It is also a fitting complement to our successful efforts to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund. It provides dedicated funding to increase public access to public lands across Montana.

I know how important LWCF is to Montana, and I will continue working to keep public lands in public hands and increase access.

I urge my colleagues to join me today in voting for the Great American Outdoors Act.

STUDENT LOAN DEBT CRISIS

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, our student loan debt crisis predates the pandemic. We encourage high school students to attend college, to claim their education, yet too many graduates are shackled with a mountain of debt that limits their future, impedes their financial freedom, and diminishes their purchasing power. The pandemic has only worsened this problem.

During this pandemic, we owe it to a generation of debt-laden young people, veterans, and transitioning adults to take bold action, to pass meaningful debt forgiveness. Freeing up the ability to claim an education without crushing debt will be a relief to so many Americans and our economy.

An educated public should enrich us all, not create unsustainable debt. So I call upon this body to pass bold and meaningful debt forgiveness for millions of bright young people so that their futures are determined not by the debt they incurred but by the knowledge they gained.

NATIONAL FRAGILE X AWARENESS DAY

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today on National Fragile X Awareness Day to raise awareness of this genetic disorder.

Fragile X is caused by mutations in the gene known as FMR1. These mutations can result in behavioral, developmental, cognitive, and reproductive conditions, often leading to delayed development of speech and language. In the most severe cases, fragile X can cause potentially fatal neurodegenerative conditions.

Fragile X syndrome affects an estimated 100,000 Americans. But more than 1 million Americans have a variation of the fragile X mutation, meaning they either have or are at risk of developing one of the associated conditions.

This means each Member of this House, on average, represents 230 constituents living with fragile X syndrome, and countless more parents, grandparents, siblings, and caregivers love someone with fragile X.

Each person living with fragile X syndrome, and any other intellectual and developmental disability, makes our world a better place.

EXTENDING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today because supplemental Federal unemployment benefits expire next

week, and Republicans in the Senate refuse to extend these benefits for the American people.

Average daily expenses are weighing heavily on millions of families as our economy struggles and unemployment is at a record high, with over 17 million still unemployed.

Rent is due, bills are due, loan payments are due, but people are still out of work. Americans are fighting against financial hardships and the housing affordability crisis. Failure to extend unemployment benefits in the midst of this pandemic would be cruel and inhumane. It would cause financial ruin for millions who are already struggling.

Our communities need the additional \$600 weekly unemployment benefits. It could be the difference between getting evicted or making rent for another month.

I urge the Senate to pass the HEROES Act to extend Federal unemployment benefits. Millions of Americans are depending on it.

IN SUPPORT OF THE CITIZENS OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

(Mr. WATKINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WATKINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of democracy around the world and, in particular, in Jammu and Kashmir.

The human rights violations there are already alarming. And now with COVID-19 plaguing the world, people there and everywhere must have access to the tools necessary to fight this disease.

As telecommunication blackouts, suppression of media reports, human rights abuses, and mass detentions continue in Jammu and Kashmir, COVID-19 concerns are amplified. There have already been disturbing reports that PPE and critical equipment are being blocked from entering the region.

Without adequate resources and internet access, hospitals and medical centers don't stand a chance. And lives being lost are lost to the world.

I urge the global community and actors in the region to work together to ensure that citizens of Jammu and Kashmir have access to the care, services, and resources needed to defeat this disease.

IN SUPPORT OF THE NO BAN ACT

(Mr. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the NO BAN Act, which I was honored to coauthor. I urge my colleagues to swiftly pass this landmark legislation today.

More than 3 years ago, President Donald Trump's Muslim ban put into action the xenophobic and racist agenda that he promised during his campaign.